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Amendments to the Claims:

This claim listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (previously presented). A cart for engaging, supporting, and transporting an object, said cart comprising:

- a) a body;
- b) a wheel attached to said body;
- c) a swivel point provided on said body;
- d) a substantially circular support ring freely rotatably attached to said swivel point on said body, said substantially circular support ring including a center, and said substantially circular support ring being configured for engaging, supporting, and transporting an object;
- e) said substantially circular support ring including a mouth for enhancing the flexibility thereof;
- f) said substantially circular support ring being attached to said swivel point at a location on said ring between the center of the ring and the mouth; and
- g) said support ring freely rotating relative to said body when said cart is in use engaging, supporting, and transporting an object.

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2(cancelled).

3(original). A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

- a) a handle is attached to said body.

4(original). A cart as in Claim 3, wherein:

- a) an extension is provided between said handle and said body, and the handle extends transversely relative to the extension.

5(original). A cart as in Claim 4, wherein:

- a) said handle extends away from said wheel.

6(original). A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

- a) said wheel includes first and second spaced apart wheels.

7(original). A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

- a) said support ring is sufficiently flexible so that said support ring can accommodate different objects.

8(cancelled).

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9(previously presented). A cart as in Claim 1, wherein:

a) a lock is provided for selectively restricting movement of the freely rotatably attached support ring when an object is engaged by said support ring for lifting the object off a floor.

10(original). A cart as in Claim 9, wherein:

a) a handle is attached to said body; and
b) said lock includes a chain having a hook, said hook being disposed on said handle for securing said chain.

11(original). A cart as in Claim 10, wherein:

a) said hook includes an s-hook provided on said chain; and
b) said s-hook is configured for engaging a brake drum supported by said support ring.

12(original). A cart as in Claim 11, wherein:

a) a block is provided on said support ring, said block being sufficiently large for reducing the effective inner diameter of the support ring.

13(original). A cart as in Claim 12, wherein:

a) said block is detachably attached to said support ring.

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14(previously presented). A cart as in Claim 12, wherein:

a) said block includes a plurality of blocks.

15(original). A claim as in Claim 12, wherein:

a) said block is provided on the interior of said support ring.

16(cancelled).

17(previously presented). A cart as in claim 3, wherein:

a) said mouth has an open portion, and said open portion faces away from said handle.

18-21(cancelled).

22(previously presented). A cart as in claim 1, wherein:

a) a lock is provided for selectively restricting movement of the freely rotatably attached support ring when an object is engaged by the support ring for lifting the support ring off a floor, the lock being configured for allowing the freely rotatably attached support ring to move substantially freely during transporting of the object engaged by the support ring.

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23(cancelled).

24(previously presented). A cart as in claim 1, wherein:

a) said swivel point is disposed directly adjacent
the mouth.